IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116 EXPEDITED HANDLING PROCEDURES** In re Patent Application of Atty Dkt. -366 C# M# FEB 0 5 2004 SANTOKI et al TC/A.U. 1773 Corres. and Mail Serial No. 09/976,296 Examiner: Rickman, Holly C. Filed: October 15, 2001 Date: February 5, 2004 Title: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. ☐ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 6 minus highest number previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = Х \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00 Independent claims after amendment 3 minus highest number previously paid for \$ 86.00 3 (at least 3) =0 \$ 0.00 If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) \$ 0.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months) \$ 0.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$770.00) 0.00 ☐ Please enter the previously unentered , filed ☐ Submission attached Subtotal \$ 0.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract -\$ 0.00 Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 0.00 Other: Substitute Specification; Marked-Up Specification 0.00 TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 0.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: